

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

VERIFICATION FORM
TO QUALIFY TO VOTE IN A REFERENDUM AMONG HORSE OWNERS ON THE LEVY
OF AN ASSESSMENT ON MANUFACTURED EQUINE FEED

IMPORTANT:

Complete this form and then **sign it before a notary public.**

The completed form must be received no later than the time and date stated at the end of this form at the address stated there.

Individuals eligible to vote shall identify (if applicable) the farm(s) with which they are associated.

The vote of a person not an individual shall be cast by an authorized representative.

Eligibility standards for voting in the referendum are set by Sections 3.1-22.69 and 1-230 of the *Code of Virginia* which state:

“Section 3.1-22.69. Persons eligible to vote. Any person who owns an equine in the Commonwealth shall be eligible to vote in a referendum held under this article if he executes and submits to the Commissioner an affidavit on forms and methods approved by the Board [of Agriculture and Consumer Services] verifying Virginia residency, legal voting age, and at least one of the following to confirm equine ownership:

1. Current breed or discipline registration for an equine owned in the Commonwealth.
2. Receipt of a valid Virginia equine infectious anemia test within the last 12 months indicating an ownership interest in an equine.
3. A lease purchase agreement, contract, bill of sale, or other legal document showing current ownership or lease interest in an equine stabled or pastured in the Commonwealth.

Completed forms shall include the full name of the person submitting the form along with an associated farm name, if applicable, mailing address, and phone number. Any person who is not an individual shall vote by its authorized representative.”

“Section 1-230. (Effective October 1, 2005) Person. “Person” includes any individual, corporation, partnership, association, cooperative, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, government, political subdivision, or any other legal or commercial entity and any successor, representative, agent, agency, or instrumentality thereof.”

VERIFICATION OF VOTER ELIGIBILITY

(Print or type information you provide. Sign before a Notary Public.)

I, _____, representing (Check A or B below)
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name) (Suffix - Jr., etc.)

A. ___ myself as an individual residing at _____ ,
(Street Address)

_____ in _____ ,
(City) (State) (Zip) (County/city of residence)

_____. (If applicable, check the following) ___ I am associated with
(Area code) (Phone number)

_____ located at _____, _____ in
(Name of farm) (Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
_____, _____
(County/city of residence) (Area code) (Phone number)

B. ____ a corporation, partnership, association, cooperative, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, government, political subdivision, or any other legal or commercial entity and any successor, representative, agent, agent, or instrumentality thereof.

(Kind of entity represented such as a corporation, partnership)

(Name of entity represented)

(Authorized representative's title)

_____, _____, _____
(Mailing address of authorized rep.) (City) (State) (Zip) (Area code) (Phone number)

hereby swear/affirm that---

I am a Virginia resident residing at _____, _____, in
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

(County/city of residence)

I am of legal voting age, born _____, and
(Month) (Day) (Year)

(Check only one of the following:)

(A) ____ (As an individual, I am verifying my ownership of an equine.)

I own an equine and can produce, upon request, one of the following to confirm equine ownership:

1. Current breed or discipline registration for an equine owned in the Commonwealth.
2. Receipt of a valid Virginia equine infectious anemia test within the last 12 months indicating an ownership interest in an equine.
3. A lease purchase agreement, contract, bill of sale, or other legal document showing current ownership or lease interest in an equine stabled or pastured in the Commonwealth.

(B) ____ (As an authorized representative, I am verifying, on behalf of a person other than an individual, that person's ownership of an equine.)

The person I am authorized to represent owns an equine and I can produce, upon request, one of the following to confirm equine ownership:

1. Current breed or discipline registration for an equine owned in the Commonwealth.
2. Receipt of a valid Virginia equine infectious anemia test within the last 12 months indicating an ownership interest in an equine.
3. A lease purchase agreement, contract, bill of sale, or other legal document showing current ownership or lease interest in an equine stabled or pastured in the Commonwealth.

(Signature)

(Name printed or typed)

(Mailing address)

(City)

(State) (Zip)

Subscribed and sworn/affirmed to before me, this _____ day of _____
(Day of Month) (Month)

of 2006.

[Notary Seal]

(Signature of Notary Public)

(Printed or typed name of Notary Public)
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: _____, 20____.

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

**VOTER VERIFICATION – MANUFACTURED EQUINE FEED LEVY REFERENDUM
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
102 GOVERNOR STREET, ROOM 323
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219**

Eligible voters will receive a ballot and an addressed official referendum envelope in the mail.

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON APRIL 14, 2006